

**MARKHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MKNA) - unapproved
MEETING MINUTES FOR March 8th, 2016**

Note: Notations within these minutes such as “(@ 31:24)” refer to the time counter on the MKNA meeting video located on www.YouTube.com.

The MKNA meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Donna Herron, President. All in attendance briefly introduced themselves. Twenty-two people attended the meeting; Donna Herron, Kim Herron, Jeff Monahan, John Gibbon, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Michael Murphy, Phil Ford, Diane Ford, Martha Couch, Kathleen Elliott, Eric Levake, John Baker, Sandy Streit, Eric Zimmerman, Martina Bell, Katie Rose, Jason Snell, Michelle Lennox, Robert Lennox, Christine Betlinski, Sayjane Ceesay.

Before the meeting began, Donna announced the meeting was being broadcast live via Google Hangouts and You Tube but that the school’s WIFI connection was spotty so it may or may not be working for this meeting. The first slide of meeting PowerPoint presentation also noted the meeting was being recorded live. On-line attendees were welcome to watch and listen but asked to mute their microphones and use the chat function, text or email for questions, comments and votes.

MKNA was without a secretary to take minutes for the meeting. Kim Herron, Vice President, took the responsibility of greeting neighbors as they entered the meeting, ensured everyone signed in and reminded those whose names appeared shaded in green on the sign-in sheet would count toward the meeting quorum and their vote would be counted. Other members in attendance were welcome to vote but their vote would not count toward the official vote to pass a motion.

Agenda Approval: Michael Murphy moved to approve as written. Katie Rose seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes Approval for February 9th, 2016. Motion to approve meeting minutes for February 9th, 2016. Donna stated the minutes were recorded from the online meeting video.

Kathleen Elliott (@ 31:24) stated she feels the minutes are full of innuendos and written from a biased perspective and contains quite a bit of inaccuracies as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 7: (@ 32:20) Kathleen did not believe her and Ron’s names were made known to members as the two people who did not sign in, so a quorum was not met which invalidated the vote to disburse monies from the treasury thus requiring members to revote the motion if a quorum is met. Kathleen stated both she and Ron made motions, seconded motions and commented on issues during the meeting therefore Kathleen believes they should have been counted as toward the required number of members present to constitute a quorum thereby allowing a vote to take place and be valid. Kathleen added the whole paragraph really bothers her.

Page 1, paragraph 8 (@ 33:20) Kathleen believes John, not Donna, brought up the fact that there was a new development in the money disbursement issue.

Page 2, paragraph 1: (@ 33:40) Kathleen states it is interesting that the minutes state only 5 people abstained.

Page 4, paragraph 9, second to the last sentence: (@ 33:50) Kathleen points out that Ron Magnus and Kathleen Elliott are identified as persons voting “no” to a motion related to MKNA’s Bylaws Article 6, Section 1, subsection Title and Eligibility of the officer positions on the MKNA Board where a motion was made to amend the Bylaws that currently stated the board consists of 3 to 11-person board only listed the titles of 4 officer positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). The motion was to insert the titles of the remaining 8 officer positions with a description of their duties (Schools, Transportation, Land Use, Parks & Community Centers, Public Safety Chairpersons as well as Past President and one “At Large” position that is currently vacant.

Kathleen stated the meeting minutes is a public document and she objects to her name being recorded so that when people Google things they will be able to find her name and comments. Donna explained that the MKNA meeting is a public meeting. Kathleen stated she understood that but that the minutes don’t call out people’s names and she claimed there was a biased opinion when the minutes were written. Next, Kathleen stated that

if her name and how she voted is going to be recorded in the minutes then everyone's name should be called out. She states her name shows up as the only person disagreeing with the issue being addressed and finds it to be very biased. Donna explained, the procedure of writing the minutes in an attempt to record who spoke, made motions and voted. Donna asked Kathleen to go back and watch the meeting video of which Kathleen stated it was not posted. Donna told Kathleen the videos are in the same location on YouTube that they have been since switching to Google Hangouts and YouTube for recording the meetings and she will find them if she types "Markham" in the YouTube search window. Kathleen repeated her objection to the statement that 5 people abstained but her name is listed as voting "no." Donna explained that the people's names were not recorded because she could not hear their names on the recording so there was no way to determine who the people were that abstained when writing the minutes at a later date. Kathleen said then the minutes should be consistent and only state 2 people voted "no" regardless of those people being clearly identified at the time on the video. Donna said she understood the goal to be consistent but if a name is mentioned during the meeting then the minutes will record that person's name. Again Donna explained the meeting is public, the sign-in sheet is public, the comments and business of the meeting is public so there are no rights of anonymity in the meeting or on the minutes. Kathleen stated that anyone reading the minutes or watching the video will think she is the biggest [explicative] in the World.

Phil Ford (@ 37:30) asked for clarification that at the last meeting it was stated that people's names that voted "no" or abstained on motion would be recorded. Donna said "yes" unless she could not clearly hear a person's name or what was said.

Page 3, paragraph 9: Kathleen (@ 38:18) stated that she does not agree with being named if she does not agree with a motion or abstains from voting on a motion. She disagrees with the per rider cost of \$2.24 in Jeff Monahan's Transportation report regarding the light rail versus bus rapid transit options being considered in the SW Corridor plan. Jeff stated he recalled those were the numbers he was given in the meeting and what Metro published but did not have his notes in front of him to verify it at that time so he would check them later and report back.

Page 3, paragraph 4: Kathleen (@ 39:25) stated the minutes make her appear as a horrible person who hates homeless persons. Donna suggested Kathleen go back and listen to the video and carefully listen to her words. Kathleen agreed and stated she is the only one who thinks the minutes are biased. Donna stated she has noted the sections of the minutes where Kathleen has raised an objection and will hold on to them until Kathleen can find time to review the meeting video then contact Donna with any comments she may still have after reviewing herself on the video. Donna offered to take Kathleen's comments to review the video to determine if errors were committed and corrections need to be made.

Sandy Streit (@ 40:45) added that she recalls during the meeting that when Kathleen made the comment where she used the word "wonderful" when referring to the homeless moving into our parks and neighborhoods, it was about a concern for safety but the minutes reads as something we want to support when, in fact, it was said as something that we really don't want to have.

Amanda Garcia-Snell (@ 41:40) asked if we could just put in the first names of the people in the minutes. Donna said the names are used in city and other meetings. Kathleen said we are not part of the city. Donna explained that Markham Neighborhood is part of the coalition of SW Neighborhoods that is part of the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Donna (@ 43:17) stated there are two choices with regard to the minutes; accept them as written with the exception of the sections Kathleen has mentioned which will be addressed later once she has had a chance to review the video and communicate with me her final comments or table it for now.

John Baker moved to approve the minutes as recorded with the exception of Kathleen's concerns. Diane Ford seconded. All were in favor except Kathleen Elliott who opposes it and Sandy Streit abstained. Motion passed.

Twenty-five minutes of allotted 90 minutes for this meeting elapsed while addressing Kathleen's request to alter the minutes by removing her comments. Kathleen left at the conclusion of the discussion regarding the minutes.

Guest Speaker Portland State University Biology and ornithology Professor Michael Murphy gave a presentation on our Parks, the Towhee bird population and how well they interact with people and survive in our city parks. Graduate student Christine Betlinski accompanied him.

Treasury Report: Donna Herron announced Treasurer Jeffrey Franklin recently moved from the neighborhood and has rented his Markham Neighborhood residence to other people. Therefore, he can no longer serve as MKNA's treasurer so the Treasurer position is currently vacant. Donna asked that anyone interested in assuming the Treasurer position, please contact her.

A reminder was given for members to sign up for Fred Meyer Rewards (FMR) and link their accounts to MKNA's charitable account. Also members were encouraged to sign up with Bottle Drop Centers and link their account to MKNA's charitable account to help MKNA raise money for their community events and activities. Alternatively, members may contact Donna for pickup of returnable bottles and cans. Since MKNA signed up for the FMR program, we received \$216.49 to date. More information is at www.MarkhamNeighborhood.com.

Phil Ford stated the Fred Meyer Rewards program does not affect your own points it only adds to the charity you elect to send them to. Donna stated so far, fifteen households are signed up to share their rewards with Markham Neighborhood's charitable account.

Donna reported the treasury started with \$403.91 then received \$58.98 from the Fred Meyer Rewards program or the last quarter of 2015 then we donated \$50.00 to the SWNI Schools Committee "Techequity" program. Last MKNA donated \$164.26 to Arnold Creek and West Portland Park Neighborhood Associations from the proceeds of our 2015 Movies In The Park and Neighborhood Night Out event. The ending balance after these transactions is \$248.63 in our treasury.

Committee Reports:

Schools Committee, Amanda Garcia-Snell, Chair: Amanda reported the next Schools meeting will not be until next week so she has nothing to report except that the schools are currently working on the boundary changes. More information can be found on the Portland Public Schools website.

Transportation Committee, Jeff Monahan, Chair: Jeff reported the SW Corridor Plan was intended to have a decision on the mode alignment plan by the end of February but has been pushed to May 9th. On March 11th the staff will release a memo on whether they will recommend light rail or a tunnel. On April 6th the steering committee will meet with the public to discuss their recommendations and the public can give testimony.

The Golden Touch restaurant development is the other transportation issue related to Markham Neighborhood. It is also a big land use impact so John Gibbon will cover it in his land use report. The major transportation issue is the development will produce more than an additional 3,600 vehicle trips per day. One proposal from the developer to deal with this is to put a median divider along 19th Street between the Golden Touch property and Tobacco Town business so a left turn from Barbur Blvd. into the development and a left turn from Tobacco Town on to 19th will no longer be available. Another proposal is to widen Barbur Blvd. and put in a center turn lane for about 2 blocks to 17th. Ultimately, Portland Bureau of Transportation will have to decide whether or not to approve these proposals.

Land Use Committee, John Gibbon, Chair: John added to Jeff's report on the zoning for the Golden Touch property development is already permitted and is zoned commercial. It will include 223 dwelling units, 45,000 sq. feet of commercial space and 452 parking spaces are allowed. They asked for adjustments for lot coverage from 80% to 84%. A second adjustment is for landscaping where they will only have 3% landscaping where they would normally have 15% landscaping. They will have terracing and green spaces. They are also asking for a height adjustment to about a 4 story building. It will be 103 feet measured from the lowest point of the property on Multnomah. Barbur Blvd. is at the top so it won't be 103 feet above Barbur Blvd.

On March 9th a pre-application for a Type III land division to create 3 additional lots for a total of 4 lots and extending the street on the Pine Hill property located at 29th and Taylors Ferry Road. The historical house will be moved easterly and rotate it 90% as well as save the out building to make room for the other properties.

John Gibbon and Donna Herron had a telephone conference with a representative at Commissioner Fish's office regarding the Marigold Hydro-Park and recent announcement that a judge ruled Water Bureau money cannot be used to maintain Portland HydroPark properties. Commissioner Fish's office believes they may be able to find money from other sources, such as the Portland Parks Bureau to maintain the grounds in the future. They will let us know the outcome once it has been decided. That is good news because Marigold Hydro-park is the only multi-use open space in Markham Neighborhood. Maricara Park borders Markham Neighborhood but is part of Arnold Creek. It is essentially a wooded area with paths and no open spaces for group events. There was a report that there was some homeless camping going on at Marigold Hydro-park. The commissioner's office recommends contacting the Water Bureau if homeless campers are seen camping on the property until they notify us to contact another authority.

The 2035 Comprehensive Plan hearing on proposed amendments is scheduled for April 14th. There are 23 pages of amendments so he expects there will be 1-3 amendment hearings.

Sometime in May, there will public input opportunities to shape the Shared Roadway Strategy. It is a study of bicycle, pedestrian and roadway projects in the Federal Environmental Impact Statement. Then, a steering committee meeting will be scheduled on the 13th to confirm the preferred package. It is important to Markham Neighborhood because it will be about sidewalks down 26th to Taylors Ferry Road so we will want to follow that.

Donna also added that the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Portland Bureau of Transportation will not be starting on the SW 19th and Taylors Ferry Road rain garden project on time because additional coordination between the two bureaus is needed. They expect to start it in late May or early June.

Parks and Community Centers: Michael Murphy, Chair: Last week was Michael's first SWNI Parks & Community Centers Committee meeting. In attendance was Amanda Fritz and two other Portland Parks & Recreation representatives who talked about Duniway Park by the YMCA which was taken over by Under Armour. Under Armour gave \$5.5 million to the City of Portland to use. The city is putting in athletic fields on the east side of Portland near the Lents Park area. Three questions arose with 3 neighborhoods: lighting, astro turf vs. natural grass and parking. Ultimately, the city decided to go with artificial turf because of the amount of rain we get and the heavy use the fields get. The city cited cost as the reason not to put up tall lighting at this time but they did decide to go ahead with putting in the conduit and other preliminary services so that if they decide to do it in the future, they can. The city took a pass on parking in light of a variety of city issues related to it. All the neighborhood associations were agreeable to the proposed plan.

The unused Riverview Cemetery area is now a park and limited to pedestrian traffic. The proposal to allow bikes to use the park is settled for the time being. Bikes will not be allowed to use to park in an effort to preserve the natural habitats.

Commissioner Fritz answered questions regarding the three new Tree Code Amendments. Until recently, you could cut down a tree without the city's permission. At present, you can cut down a tree that is under 50" diameter at breast height (dbh). The diameter has been shifted down to 35" dbh. The size of the lot size has been shifted down from 5,000 to 3,000 sq. ft. The period for public comment has gone from 30 to 45 days.

Last, the committee asked itself "what are we about?" Some on the committee think it is a policy making committee to tell downtown what needs to be done. Others saw themselves as an information clearinghouse for information coming up from individual neighborhoods and that they serve their needs and speak for them.

Public Safety: Phil Ford (also NET certified team member). Phil was unable to attend the meeting.

Robert Lennox from South Burlingame neighborhood spoke about the young teen who got off the bus on Taylors Ferry Road adjacent to the Willamette Cemetery and was struck by two vehicles before being rescued and taken to the OHSU trauma center. He requested our support along with their efforts to compel Portland Bureau of Transportation to put in a "lane diet" where the lanes are narrowed to facilitate slower vehicle speeds, install turn lanes and pedestrian crossings to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety along that stretch of road. It is also in the same area where a new turn lane is proposed to accommodate the Macadam Ridge development of a large number of homes. Jeff Monahan agreed to meet with Mr. Lennox about it.

Donna Herron attended the last SWNI Public Safety meeting so she was able to provide information about the meeting. Jenni Pullen, Portland Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator, attended the meeting and presented information about Neighborhood Watch and the safety of your home. She will come to your home to help you with a home safety audit and recommend any needed changes to improve the safety of your home. This information is available at www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/cp.

On April 24th, Mark Wells, Portland Police Department will train our first Neighborhood Watch program team. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about the program in consideration of establishing one on their own street. The location, time and other information will be made available on our website.

The Portland Police Department's WomenStrength program will give a self-defense class at Jackson Middle School on Thursdays, June 2nd, 9th and 16th. Registration for the class will open on May 3rd on a first come-first served basis. Registration can be done by phone or online. Donna encouraged people to sign up for the wait list if the class is full. People do cancel. She asked for volunteers to become WomenStrength instructors.

Unfinished Business:

Vacancies: We currently have two vacant board positions; Secretary and Treasurer.

Bylaws: Although we did get some additional work done on the Markham Bylaws at the last meeting, we do need to address other areas of them in anticipation of the upcoming MKNA elections. At present, the Bylaws state we have 2-year term and only half of the board should be rotated out each year. We did not make provisions as to how that would occur. Donna suggested we number the positions and include some sort of verbiage that states odd numbered positions are elected on odd number years and visa-versa.

Movies In The Park event: Donna announced MKNA was awarded another Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) Movies In The Park event featuring the movie Kung Fu Panda II. We will co-host it with SWNI's Public Safety Committee and the theme will primarily be Bicycle Safety. Donna called for a vote for the date on dates July 6, 14, 20 or August 3rd. Phil Ford said many people will be taking vacation around the July 4th holiday so it would be better not to have it on July 6th. Amanda Garcia-Snell asked for clarification of the Neighborhood Night Out date of August 2nd. Donna confirmed it. Vote for the Movies in the Park date are as follows: July 6th=0, **July 14th=10**, July 20th=0, August 3rd=0. All voted in favor of July 14th.

Michael Murphy asked why we could not get the movies we requested. Donna explained PP&R received a lot of competition for certain movies and some movies can't be shown on certain dates etc. Donna stated other decisions still need to be made by MKNA or the SWNI Public Safety Committee such as the genre of the band, type of food trucks, any additional activities such as face painting, rock climbing wall and so on.

Sears Homeless Shelter: Donna announced the shelter is in need of food items for sack lunches for the homeless and directed them to their website if they can help or know of a business that can help.

Announcements: Donna directed everyone to look at the bottom of the agenda and encouraged anyone interested in a particular SWNI committee meeting to feel welcome to attend. Also coming up is the Equity and Inclusion meeting in which Sanjay Ceesay elaborated more about it and asked for more people to attend. The City Candidate forum is also coming up and the Multnomah Arts Center. Eric Zimmerman stated the County Candidate forum will be in April.

Sanjay Ceesay briefly spoke about the Watershed Program and other resources available at the SWNI office at the Multnomah Arts Center.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Donna Herron, President